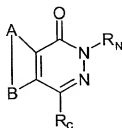


ABSTRACT

A method of treatment of a disease of the human or animal body mediated by PARP comprising administering to such a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula:

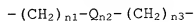


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or an isomer, salt, solvate, chemically protected form, and prodrug thereof, wherein:

15 A and B together represent an optionally substituted, fused aromatic ring;

R_C is represented by -L-R_L, where L is of formula:



wherein n₁, n₂ and n₃ are each selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3, the sum of n₁, n₂ and n₃ is 1, 2 or 3 and Q is selected from O, S, NH, C(=O) or -CR₁R₂-, where R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen or optionally substituted C₁₋₇ alkyl, or may together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C₃₋₇ cyclic alkyl group, which may be saturated (a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group) or unsaturated (a C₃₋₇ cycloalkenyl group), or one of R₁ and R₂ may be attached to an atom in R_L to form an unsaturated C₃₋₇ cycloalkenyl group which comprises the carbon atoms to which R₁ and R₂ are attached in Q, -(CH₂)_{n3}- (if present) and part of R_L;

30 and R_L is optionally substituted C₅₋₂₀ aryl; and R_N is selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁₋₇ alkyl, C₃₋₂₀ heterocyclyl, and C₅₋₂₀ aryl, hydroxy, ether, nitro, amino, amido, thiol, thioether, sulfoxide and sulfone.